

H.R. 5611. An act to provide for the establishment of a partnership between the Secretary of Energy and appropriate industry groups for the creation of a transportation fuel conservation education campaign, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The following concurrent resolution was read, and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 400. Concurrent resolution expressing the sense of Congress that the Government of Venezuela should actively support strategies for ensuring secure airport facilities that meet international certifications to prevent trafficking of controlled substances, narcotics, and laundered money; to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

### MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bills were read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 5337. An act to ensure national security while promoting foreign investment and the creation and maintenance of jobs, to reform the process by which such investments are examined for any effect they may have on national security, to establish the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States, and for other purposes.

H.R. 5682. An act to exempt from certain requirements of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 a proposed nuclear agreement for cooperation with India.

### EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-7657. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Gypsy Moth; Regulated Articles" (RIN0579-AB55) (Doc. No. 00-067-2) received on July 21, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7658. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Asian Longhorned Beetle; Removal of Quarantined Area in Illinois" (Doc. No. APHIS-2006-0105) received on July 21, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7659. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Chronic Wasting Disease Herd Certification Program and Interstate Movement of Farmed or Captive Deer, Elk, and Moose" (RIN0579-AB35) (Doc. No. 00-108-3) received on July 24, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7660. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Imported Fire Ant; Addition of Counties in Arkansas and Tennessee to the List of Quarantined Areas" (Doc. No. APHIS-2006-0080) received on July 26, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7661. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office

of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2-Propenoic Acid, 2-Methyl-, Polymer with Butyl 2-Propenoate, Methyl 2-Methyl-Propenoate, Methyl 2-Propenoate and 2-Propenoic Acid, Graft, Compound with 2-Amino-2Methyl-1-Propanol; Tolerance Exemption" (FRL No. 8077-4) received on July 25, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7662. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "2-Propenoic, 2-Methyl-, Polymers with Ethyl Acrylate and Polyethylene Glycol Methacrylate C18-22alkyl Ethers; Tolerance Exemption" (FRL No. 8078-3) received on July 25, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7663. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Review Group, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Revisions of Delegations of Authority" (RIN0560-AE51) received on July 26, 2006; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-7664. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Installations and Environment), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to conducting a standard competition of the Laundry and Dry Cleaning Operations function performed by civilian personnel in the Department of the Navy for possible performance by private contractors; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7665. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Installations and Environment), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report of the beginning of preliminary planning under Office of Management and Budget Circular A-76 for the possible competition of Naval Facilities Engineering Command recycling functions; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7666. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, authorization of Rear Admiral (lower half) David J. Dorsett, United States Navy, to wear the insignia of the grade of rear admiral in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7667. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, the report of (4) officers authorized to wear the insignia of rear admiral in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7668. A communication from the Liaison Officer, Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS); Transitional Assistance Management Program; Early Eligibility for TRICARE for Certain Reserve Component Members" (RIN0720-AA90) received on July 26, 2006; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-7669. A communication from the Secretary of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, a six-month periodic report on the national emergency with respect to terrorists who threaten to disrupt the Middle East peace process that was declared in Executive Order 12947 of January 23, 1995; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7670. A communication from the Under Secretary for Domestic Finance, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the annual report on the Resolution Funding Corporation for the calendar year

2005; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7671. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Housing Finance Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "No. 2006-10: Data Reporting Requirements for the Federal Home Loan Banks" (RIN3069-AB28) received on July 26, 2006; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7672. A communication from the General Counsel, National Credit Union Administration, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Third-Party Servicing of Indirect Vehicle Loans" (12 CFR Parts 701 and 741) received on July 26, 2006; to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs.

EC-7673. A communication from the Secretary of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department's Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2005 entitled "Outer Continental Shelf Lease Sales: Evaluation of Bidding Results"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-7674. A communication from the Chairman, Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Plutonium Storage at the Department of Energy's Savannah River Site"; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-7675. A communication from the Attorney, Office of Assistant General Counsel for Legislation and Regulatory Law, Department of Energy, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Computer Security; Access to Information on Department of Energy Computers and Computer Systems" (RIN1992-AA27) received on July 24, 2006; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-7676. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Promoting Transmission Investment through Pricing Reform" (Docket No. RM06-4-000) received on July 24, 2006; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-7677. A communication from the General Counsel, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Rate Regulation of Certain Natural Gas Storage Facilities" (Docket Nos. RM05-23-000 and AD04-11-000) received on July 26, 2006; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

EC-7678. A communication from the Administrator, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "The Superfund Innovative Technology Evaluation Program: Annual Report to Congress FY 2003"; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7679. A communication from the Principal Deputy Associate Administrator, Office of Policy, Economics, and Innovation, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "National Perchloroethylene Air Emission Standards for Dry Cleaning Facilities" (RIN2060-AK18) (FRL No. 8200-2) received on July 25, 2006; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-7680. A communication from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Applicable Federal Rates—August 2006" (Rev. Rul. 2006-39) received on July 21, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7681. A communication from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Excise Taxes With

Respect To Prohibited Tax Shelter Transactions to Which Tax-Exempt Entities Are Parties and Related Disclosure Requirements" (Notice 2006-65) received on July 21, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

EC-7682. A communication from the Chief, Publications and Regulations Branch, Internal Revenue Service, Department of the Treasury, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Reporting of Gross Proceeds Payments to Attorneys" (RIN1545-AW72) received on July 21, 2006; to the Committee on Finance.

#### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. CRAIG, from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, without amendment:

S. 2562. A bill to increase, effective as of December 1, 2006, the rates of compensation for veterans with service-connected disabilities and the rates of dependency and indemnity compensation for the survivors of certain disabled veterans (Rept. No. 109-296).

By Mr. CRAIG, from the Committee on Veterans' Affairs, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute and an amendment to the title:

S. 2694. A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to remove certain limitation on attorney representation of claimants for veterans benefits in administrative proceedings before the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 109-297).

#### EXECUTIVE REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following executive reports of nominations were submitted:

By Ms. COLLINS for the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

\*Jennifer M. Anderson, of the District of Columbia, to be an Associate Judge of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia for the term of fifteen years.

\*Anna Blackburne-Rigsby, of the District of Columbia, to be Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals for the term of fifteen years.

\*Phyllis D. Thompson, of the District of Columbia, to be Associate Judge of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals for the term of fifteen years.

\*Mickey D. Barnett, of New Mexico, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service for a term expiring December 8, 2013.

\*Katherine C. Tobin, of New York, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service for a term expiring December 8, 2012.

\*Ellen C. Williams, of Kentucky, to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service for the remainder of the term expiring December 8, 2007.

\*Paul A. Denett, of Virginia, to be Administrator for Federal Procurement Policy.

By Mr. SPECTER for the Committee on the Judiciary.

Kimberly Ann Moore, of Virginia, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Federal Circuit.

R. Alexander Acosta, of Florida, to be United States Attorney for the Southern District of Florida for the term of four years.

Steven G. Bradbury, of Maryland, to be an Assistant Attorney General.

\*Nomination was reported with recommendation that it be confirmed subject to the nominee's commitment to respond to requests to appear and testify before any duly constituted committee of the Senate.

(Nominations without an asterisk were reported with the recommendation that they be confirmed.)

#### INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first and second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

By Ms. STABENOW (for herself and Mr. LEVIN):

S. 3745. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a tax credit for certain employer-provided retiree health care coverage, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. BOXER (for herself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN):

S. 3746. A bill to authorize the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture to make grants to facilitate the establishment of the National Ag Science Center in Stanislaus County, California; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. ROCKEFELLER (for himself, Mr. KERRY, Mr. KENNEDY, and Mr. SARBANES):

S. 3747. A bill to amend title XVIII of the Social Security Act and the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to provide access to Medicare benefits for individuals ages 55 to 65, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow a refundable and advanceable credit against income tax for payment of such premiums, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. NELSON of Florida (for himself and Mr. MARTINEZ):

S. 3748. A bill to require the Secretary of the Army to publish a supplement to the major rehabilitation report for the Herbert Hoover Dike system, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 3749. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on certain parts and accessories for measuring or checking instruments; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 3750. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on certain printed circuit assemblies for measuring equipment for telecommunications; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 3751. A bill to suspend temporarily the duty on certain subassemblies for measuring equipment for telecommunications; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mrs. FEINSTEIN:

S. 3752. A bill to liquidate or reliquidate certain entries of frozen fish fillets; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. BAUCUS:

S. 3753. A bill to provide emergency assistance to agricultural producers that have incurred losses during calendar year 2006 due to fires; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

By Mr. MARTINEZ (for himself and Mr. COLEMAN):

S. 3754. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow individuals a refundable credit against income tax for the purchase of private health insurance, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Finance.

By Mr. SCHUMER:

S. 3755. A bill to establish the Niagara Falls National Heritage Area in the State of New York, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

By Mr. MENENDEZ:

S. 3756. A bill to study and improve the air quality inside school buses, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

By Mr. OBAMA (for himself and Mr. DURBIN):

S. 3757. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at

950 Missouri Avenue in East St. Louis, Illinois, as the "Katherine Dunham Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs.

By Mr. REED (for himself, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. KENNEDY, Mr. BINGAMAN, and Mr. KERRY):

S. 3758. A bill to establish certain requirements relating to the continuation of the Survey of Income and Program Participation; to the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation.

By Mr. BURNS:

S. 3759. A bill to name the Armed Forces Readiness Center in Great Falls, Montana, in honor of Captain William Wylie Galt, a recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor; to the Committee on Armed Services.

By Mr. KYL (for himself and Mr. DEWINE):

S. 3760. A bill to prohibit the suspension of royalties under certain circumstances and to clarify the authority to impose price thresholds for certain leases; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

#### SUBMISSION OF CONCURRENT AND SENATE RESOLUTIONS

The following concurrent resolutions and Senate resolutions were read, and referred (or acted upon), as indicated:

By Mr. ISAKSON (for himself, Mr. CHAMBLISS, and Mr. ROCKEFELLER):

S. Res. 541. A resolution congratulating Spelman College on its 125th anniversary; considered and agreed to.

By Mr. CRAPO (for himself and Mr. DORGAN):

S. Res. 542. A resolution supporting the goals and ideas of National Peripheral Arterial Disease Awareness Week; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

By Mr. LOTT:

S. Res. 543. A resolution temporarily suspending the Rules for the Regulation of the Senate Wing of the United States Capitol and Senate Office Buildings for the purpose of permitting the taking of photographs in the area of the Daily Press Gallery; considered and agreed to.

#### ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS

S. 146

At the request of Mr. INOUE, the name of the Senator from New Jersey (Mr. MENENDEZ) was added as a cosponsor of S. 146, a bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to deem certain service in the organized military forces of the Government of the Commonwealth of the Philippines and the Philippine Scouts to have been active service for purposes of benefits under programs administered by the Secretary of Veterans Affairs.

S. 267

At the request of Mr. CRAIG, the names of the Senator from West Virginia (Mr. ROCKEFELLER) and the Senator from Florida (Mr. MARTINEZ) were added as cosponsors of S. 267, a bill to reauthorize the Secure Rural Schools and Community Self-Determination Act of 2000, and for other purposes.

S. 489

At the request of Mr. ALEXANDER, the name of the Senator from New Hampshire (Mr. SUNUNU) was added as a cosponsor of S. 489, a bill to amend chapter 111 of title 28, United States Code,